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In re Application of: Mineo Nomoto, et al Serial No: 10/082,430

On Petition

Filing Date: February 22, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING THICKNESS OF THIN FILM AND

DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD USING SAME

In response to the petitions received April 28, 2004, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above application.

The petition is Granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply with the meaning of 37 C.D.R 1.113 in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed March 22, 2002. Which set forth a shortened statutory period for reply of two months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned May 23, 2002. The notice of abandonment was mailed on October 2, 2002.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Papers on July 1, 2002.

The application was abandoned in error. The office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the client.

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